

REMARKS

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed April 5, 2005.

Currently, claims 1-12, 14-17, 22, 24-26, 30-32, 41, 43, 48-52, 56, 58, 62, 68, 71, 72, 75, 77, and 80-81 are pending.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the amendments listed above. All of the amendments are made to put the claims in condition for allowance, as per the Examiner's indication that certain claims are allowed and certain claims include allowable subject matter but are dependent on rejected claims.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-12, 58, 72, 75, and 77 were allowed.

The Examiner also indicated that claims 14, 22, 24-26, 30-32, 41, 43, 48-51, 68, 71 were objected to as being based on rejected claims, but otherwise contained allowable subject matter. Thus, these claims have been amended to include limitations from the base claims. For example, claim 14 was amended to add limitations from claim 13. Claims 22 and 24-26 depend from claim 14. Claims 30-32 were amended to add limitations from claim 13. Claim 43 was amended to add limitations from claim 39. Claim 42 depends from claim 43. Claims 50-51 were amended to add limitations from claim 45, and claims 48-49 depend from claim 50. Claims 68 and 71 were amended to add limitations from claim 64. Therefore, Applicant asserts that claims 14, 22, 24-26, 30-32, 41, 43, 48-51, 68, and 70-71 are in condition for allowance.

Claim 52 was rejected by the Examiner. Applicants have amended claim 52 to substantially include the limitations of claim 1, which the Examiner has allowed. Claims 56 and 80-81 depend from claim 56.

Other claims have been rejected by the Examiner. Applicant is canceling the rejected claims to allow the present application to issue in a timely manner. Applicant reserves the right to re-file the cancelled claims in a continuation application.

Based on the above amendments and these remarks, reconsideration of claims 1-12, 14-17, 20-22, 24-26, 30-32, 41, 43, 48-52, 56, 58, 62, 68, 71, 72, 75, 77, and 80-81 is respectfully requested.


The Examiner's prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should further

questions remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501826 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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